

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 14, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Thomas Evans President of Council, called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Ursiny led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALLING OF THE ROLL

Council Present: Mr. Evans, President; Ms. Bolton; Mr. Ursiny; Ms. Schaffer; Ms. Lang
Others Present: Mr. Brown, Jr., Mayor; Robert Garvin, Solicitor; Cheryl Sorrentino, Manager; Jonathan Barron, Engineer

1. CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED (all ayes vote)

Motion to approve minutes from October 10, 2023 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny
All ayes

2. CALLING FOR BIDS

No bids.

3. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS (6 minutes each)

Patricia Ellis, 1307 Fourth Street – Ms. Ellis asked what she needs to do to open a daycare. She stated that she previously had a daycare, but then her home/business caught fire and she is trying to open a daycare again.

Mr. Garvin responded that it is a zoning matter and she will need to produce paperwork from the State showing that her prior daycare was licensed.

Discussions followed and Ms. Schaffer offered assistance to Ms. Ellis if needed. It was determined that she would need to submit a copy of a prior license issued by the State.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Passed out prior to meeting.

5. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

1) Motion to advertise the availability of the 2024 budgets

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

2) Motion to apply for TAN loan in the amount of \$125,000.00 at an interest rate of 5.99 percent

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

1) Motion to ratify phone vote of November 6, 2023 to hire Joseph Tomko as part-time patrol officer for the police department as per the terms and conditions of their contract

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

2) Motion to enter into a contract with Xpel, an independent contractor, for nuisance wildlife contract with a monthly fee of \$300.00

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

3) Motion to accept resignation from Mason McMurray effective November 10, 2023

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

C. ZONING & ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK

No report.

D. COMMUNITY EVENTS – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER

Ms. Schaffer announced that Light Up Braddock Hills event is scheduled for December 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. This will be held at the Senior Center with a visit from Santa, refreshments and activities. Also, this will be the kick-off to the outdoor decoration contest.

E. HEALTH & SANITATION – PAMELA LANG

1) Motion to notify the Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority to pass on the 7% rate increase by Alcosan onto customers in Braddock Hills Borough

Motion – Ms. Lang

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

2) Motion to advertise bids for trash collection in the borough

Motion – Ms. Lang

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS

No report.

G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

- 1) Motion to accept the bid for rock salt from Cargill, Inc. through South Hills Area Council of Governments in the amount of \$96.13 per ton for the period of September 28, 2023 through September 27, 2024

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Ms. Bolton asked if the salt in the shed was still good and able to use. Ms. Sorrentino responded yes because it is stored from the weather.

- 2) Motion to ratify phone vote of September 28, 2023 to hire Rapheal Drummond as laborer for public works department as per the current terms and conditions of the contract

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

- 3) Motion to ratify phone vote of October 30, 2023 to terminate Rapheal Drummond as laborer for public works department

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Lang

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

6. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN

Mayor Brown read the police and fire reports for October 2023 (see attached).

He thanked Swissvale Police Department, Woodland Hills EMS and North Braddock Fire Department for patrolling the streets of Braddock Hills during our trick and treating hours. He also thanked Chief Dean Helinski for driving him around while he passed out candy.

He congratulated Councilman DeWitt Walton on winning the election.

B. SOLICITOR – DAVID WOLF

He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

C. ENGINEER

Mr. Barron read the engineer's report for October 2023 (see attached).

7. **REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON EVANS**

Mr. Evans discussed the Whole Home Repair and provided information on the program. He noted that the application process has reopened and encouraged everyone to reapply.

8. **THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHERYL SORRENTINO**

No report.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No report.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

No report.

11. **CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT AS POSTED**

(all ayes vote)

Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Mr. Ursiny.

All ayes

12. **CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED IN THE LIST OF BILLS**

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

13. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR**

Mr. Gambino adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.